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SUBJ: NATIONAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL SWORN IN

1. FOUR OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL WERE SWORN IN JANUARY 16. NOT PRESENT WAS VIRGILIO GALVEZ, THE SUPREME COURT'S NOMINEE AND, AS SUCH, PRESIDENT OF THE TRIBUNAL. GALVEZ IS REPORTEDLY IN SANTIAGO, WHERE HE WAS AMBASSADOR, PREPARING HIS MOVE BACK TO TEGUCIGALPA.

2. THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL CONSISTS OF ONE DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE NOMINATED BY THE SUPREME COURT AND EACH OF THE FOUR ELIGIBLE POLITICAL PARTIES: NATIONAL (PNH), LIBERAL (PLH), INNOVATION AND UNITY (PINU) AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT (PDCH).

3. SWORN IN WERE:

ALVARO RAUL MATUTE SUPREME COURT ALTERNATE

LUCAS ZELAYA LOZANO PNH

ARMANDO DIAZ ARRIVILLAGA PNH ALTERNATE

MIGUEL LARDIZABAL GALINDO PLH

SAUL ENRIQUE MOLINA CALDERON PLH ALTERNATE

RODOLFO LUNA MORAN PINU

YOLANDA DE VARGAS PINU ALTERNATE

ORLANDO IRIARTE PDCH

JOSE CISNE REYES PDCH ALTERNATE

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4. ARTICLES 100-109 OF THE RECENTLY APPROVED ELECTORAL LAW PROVIDE FOR THE MAKE-UP, ORGANIZATION AND ROLE OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL. IT WILL ORGANIZE, DIRECT AND SUPERVISE THE ELECTORAL PROCESS BY: ISSUING THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF ELECTORAL ORGANISMS; PREPARE AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH;

REGISTER THOSE POLITICAL PARTIES AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES WHICH MEET THE LEGAL REQUISITES; PREPARE BALLOTS; NOMINATE THE PERSONS WHO WILL BE ON THE DEPARTMENT TRIBUNALS (AND WHO IN TURN WILL NOMINATE THE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL TRIBUNALS); DIRECT THE PREPARATION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTORAL CENSUS; SET THE DATE FOR ELECTIONS; PUBLICIZE THE VOTING PROCESS; HEAR AND RESOLVE COMPLAINTS; AND CERTIFY THE WINNERS. SHOULD NEW PARTIES BECOME REGISTERED THEY MAY NAME A DELEGATE TO THE TRIBUNAL. THE TRIBUNAL MUST ALWAYS HAVE AN UNEVEN NUMBER OF MEMBERS. IN THE EVENT OF ITS BECOMING EVEN, THE SUPREME COURTS WILL NOMINATE ANOTHER MEMBER. WITHIN TWO MONTHS, THE TRIBUNAL WILL REVIEW THE DRAFT LAW FOR A NATIONAL REGISTER PREPARED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL BEFORE ITS APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.  
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